

Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

January 20, 2005
3:00 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Club
Willows, CA

Chair Marc Faye called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., followed by self-introductions. It was determined there was a quorum of (11) voting members present.

<u>County</u>	<u>Public Interest</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Butte	Jane Dolan	Shirley Lewis	
Colusa	(Gary Evans)	Ben Carter	
Glenn	(Denny Bungarz)	Don Anderson	
Shasta	Glenn Hawes	(Dan Gover)	
Sutter	(Dan Silva)	Russell Young	
Tehama	Ron Warner	Brendon Flynn	
Yolo	Duane Chamberlain	Marc Faye	
Resources Agency			Jim McKeivitt
Cal DWR			Stacy Cepello
Cal DFG			Diana Jacobs
State Reclamation Board			(Pete Rabbon)
USF&WS			(Darrin Thome)
USCOE			Mark Charlton
Bureau of Reclamation			(Frank Michny)
Names listed in parentheses represent absences			
Manager Burt Bundy			
Assistant Ellen Gentry			

Other attendees: Suellen Rowilson, River Partners; Les Heringer, M & T Ranch; Gregg Werner, The Nature Conservancy (TNC); Jeff Sutton, Family Water Alliance; Vickie Newlin, California Bay Delta Authority (CBDA); John Merz, Sacramento River Preservation Trust; Kim Davis, Senator Sam Aanestad's office.

2. Unscheduled Matters – Marc Faye made a presentation to Don Anderson, past Chair, for his leadership and commitment to the Sacramento River, on behalf of the SRCAF Board. It was a framed picture of an almond orchard below Ord Bend bridge, near Don's property.

John Merz announced the 6th Annual Snow Goose Festival will be held January 28-30. Activities include a banquet and silent auction at Sierra Nevada Brewery Saturday, featuring guest speaker Robert McLandress, PH.D., President of the California Waterfowl Association; with field trips throughout the North Valley, complimented by a series of presentations and workshops. If you are interested in sponsoring or attending, contact www.snowgoosefestival.org

3. Consent Calendar – Nominations for the election of officers and the Executive Committee were received from the Board Development Committee for the following: Chair Marc Faye, Landowner, Yolo County; Vice Chair Glenn Hawes, Public Interest, Shasta County; Secretary/Treasurer Russell Young, Landowner, Sutter County; Past President Don Anderson, Landowner, Glenn County, Ex-Officio Diana Jacobs, CA Dept. of Fish and Game; Jane Dolan,

Public Interest, Butte County; and Brendon Flynn, Landowner, Tehama County. Ben Carter moved to cast a unanimous ballot to accept the slate of officers, seconded by Don Anderson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Nominations for Committees and Chairs were received for the following: Board Development Committee – Chair Jane Dolan, with members Mark Charlton and Don Anderson. Technical Advisory Committee – Chair Anjanette Martin, Vice Chair Stacy Cepello. Landowner Assurances Committee – Chair Ben Carter. Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes – Chair Denny Bungarz. Financial Capacity – Chair Jim McKeivitt, with members Diana Jacobs, Dan Gover, Denny Bungarz and Darin Thome. Public Use – Chair Denny Bungarz. Appointments were accepted and made by the Chair as recommended.

All new members were welcomed.

4. Consent Calendar – Glenn Hawes moved to adopt the minutes of the December 2, 2004 meeting, seconded by Jane. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Glenn Hawes moved to accept the Executive Committee Meeting Notes for the December 2, 2004 meeting, seconded by Brendon Flynn. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Agency Reports – Butch Hodgkins, invited speaker, was unable to attend today's meeting. He will try to reschedule.

Mark Charlton discussed federal appropriations and support of the Corps of Engineers. There was concern about the second phase in authorization of linear feet and funding needed on the Sacramento River Flood Control Project. Mark will be going to visit congressional members February 28 and discuss capabilities. Mark coordinates with others, so it was urged that he be contacted by other agencies on this board. He will talk to Burt when the President's budget is released, and will come back to the board before the next meeting if necessary. Diana noted the Governor's CA performance review recommended some removals (i.e., Reclamation Board). She suggested going to the Governor's website for more information. Burt will get information to the Board regarding Hamilton City, Woodson Bridge, and Kopta Slough which will also need funding.

Vickie Newlin, Sacramento Valley CBDA Coordinator, announced that the Bay Delta Authority has changed their way of handling BDPAC meetings. On an interim basis, both groups will be meeting jointly the second Wednesday and Thursday of even months February 9-10, April and June, at 1:00pm. She met yesterday with stakeholders as to how CALFED financing can be implemented. Diana-discussed the ERP user fee and the governor wanting a firm proposal for user fees for funding by May. The December 10 year finance plan proposed portioning 30% from federal public, 30% state public, and 30% general public as user fees. The targeted amount is \$150 million a year. Presented for discussion were water storage, diversion and ERP action. Brendon pointed out that users of Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta systems will pay the fee. Vicki added that included in the total budget finance plan is a 5-10% local in-kind share. Vicki can have information --speakers, staff and consultants to Burt, if desired. Jeff commented that dialogue at the finance meeting demonstrated people go along with proposals in theory, however, there were many objections as to who is considered a user. He expressed hope that the Board stand by water users here in opposition to Users Fees on Northern California water diverters. Vicki reviewed CBDA meeting dates: February 9-10, 9:00am-4:00pm. Burt will continue to report to the Board.

Jeff Sutton will send a link to Ellen for a copy of the white paper, which follows:

http://www.publicaffairs.water.ca.gov/newsreleases/2005/01-10-05flood_warnings.pdf This is an important document setting new policy for the State of California reflected in the governor's budget. Vicki also provided a three page summary of the document, which will be forwarded.

6. Board Committee Reports

Financial Capacity Committee – Jim presented a draft of the December 15 committee meeting notes, which included a Purpose from the 2004 plan, functions and constraints in pursuing the mission and possible funding sources. Financial statements for five years were provided at that meeting. Current financing is mostly CVPIA and CALFED, with support through DWR and the Resources Agency. The Legaci grant through the Great Valley Center and Strategic Planning grant from Resources Law Group also provide some help for specific needs. Other possible sources for funding include PG&E, Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), water agency associations and non-profit foundations were discussed if self sufficiency is expected in the future. Retaining DWR support, however, is important. CSU Chico receives and disperses grant funding at present.

LAC – The last meeting was Nov. 18. The Legaci core team met Dec. 15 and is working on a strawman proposal by looking at incentives and defining the process. The core group will also meet via conference call after this meeting. The goal is to get a deliverable within one year (early summer) and find a process to cover activities that take place along the river. Those activities could have a one stop permitting process as required by regulatory agencies. The challenge is getting true commitment from all constituents and other stakeholders in the process. The next LAC meeting is scheduled for Jan. 27 at the Colusa Farm Bureau, 10:00am.

TAC – Stacy reported the TAC met Jan. 4. They met Beverley Anderson-Abbs, SRCAF Resource Conservation Assistant, who is updating the Project tracker database. The TAC is reviewing as many ERP projects over the next two meetings as possible, which will be entered into the tracking system as well. Burt received a list of the 20 projects and has composed a letter to applicants who will present their proposals. The website list is available at: HTTPS://solicitation.calwater.ca.gov/solicitations/2004.02/responsive_proposals?proposal_regions=Sacramento%20Region.

Stacy gave brief reports on Tisdale Weir, and the River Partners second technical meeting concerning the riparian sanctuary on Llano Seco. Vicki reported there will be another public meeting on Llano Seco and the PCGID pumping plant in Glenn County during March. Contact persons at PCGID are Lance Boyd and John Garner. A feasibility study is available for review. Stacy also gave a report on the history of Woodson Bridge.

PILT – Letters in packets to Mr. Hunt and Mr. Castleberry, that support the Working Landscapes Sub-committee recommendations will be taken up at the next Apr. meeting (BDPAC).

7. Activities Report

CSP – Gregg reported three Advisory Workgroup meetings have been held. The last meeting discussed four of the restoration sites from Princeton to Colusa. A Public Workshop is scheduled for Feb.17, at Colusa Casino, 6:30pm. The newsletter is coming out in the very near future and it was requested that the board be on that mailing list. A Landowner Survey is part of the CSP process and includes landowners inside and adjoining the river.

Site Specific Planning – Les reminded everyone about the Feb.17-18 workshop at Llano Seco, which is approaching the end of a long term study on their solution migration problems southwest of Chico. The pumping plant, built in 1996, experienced unusually wet winters which resulted in gravel bar migration and the threat of cutting the plant off from the river. In 2001, a short term solution removed the gravel, yet the river continues to migrate with some gravel returning. The refuge depends on water as does the spring run salmon. They are now looking for a long term solution.

Hamilton City – The COE Chief Engineer's Report was signed and will allow continued preliminary design for the Hamilton City Project for 2005. The feasibility study and coordinated impact statement are completed. The Project still needs authorization through WRDA. In the meantime they are proceeding with design work so when authorization is received they will be productive. Match money being looked at too.

Burt reported DWR is providing a geomorphic study at Colusa for a possible boat ramp. A presentation is being made Monday. Burt also attended a Working landscapes and ERP meeting.

8. Future Meeting Dates

This year's Board meetings are scheduled for March 17, June 2 (Annual Bar-B-Q at Dan Gover's), July 21, September 15 and November 17. Executive Committee meetings will be made by phone conference during alternating months.